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METHOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-11, 13-30, 32-48, and 50-57, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: